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A GOOD REASON.

Is it economy to remove the county seat to Safford? Let us consider the proposition.

It is very evident that the present court house is in a dilapidated condition. Although it has been plastered and is being painted, yet the fact remains that beneath the beautiful exterior is rottenness and corruption.

The plastering and painting of the court house is like whitewashing a character. It will stand for a while but when the outside is worn off the character is exposed in all its blackness and sin. The plastering and painting may make the building look well for awhile but it will take a new building to make it substantial and safe. The present building is costing the taxpayers a great deal of money each year in order to keep it in repair.

Several hundred dollars have been spent this year in putting up additions and in repairing. Next year as much more will have to be spent and so on from year to year until after awhile the building will collapse and then the people will be obliged to put up a new one.

The people of Safford offer to put up a new court house free of all expense to the county the money and material have been subscribed and a beautiful site donated. We will give the county what is equal to, at the very least calculation, \$12,000. We offer our county a home; a beautiful home; one that is worthy to be the home of any county in the territory. The home we offer is surrounded on all sides by a luxurious vegetation that is not surpassed anywhere else in the southwest; where there are pleasant and comfortable homes; where there are beautiful walks and drives, and where there is a plentiful supply of the very best water.

Then, too, when the county seat is brought here many families will come to Safford to make it their home. Buildings will be erected all the vacant lands in this vicinity will be utilized, and when

another assessment is made Safford will increase her assessment by \$200,000, which at the present rate will increase the taxes paid by Safford, \$7,000 or rather will lower the whole taxation that much.

If the above figures are correct, is it not economy to remove the county seat to Safford?

Let every taxpayer consider the proposition on the score of economy.

IN EARNEST.

Many people in the county outside of Safford imagine that Safford is not in earnest about this county seat movement. They say that she is doing nothing whatever towards it. But if they will just take time to inquire about it they will find that Safford is not only in real earnest but she has done and is now doing a very great deal towards it. We have over \$10,000 subscribed and pledged. We have the site secured worth at least \$1000. We have our petition out for signatures and have already two-thirds of the necessary number of voters and taxable wealth, the proposition has been thoroughly discussed and considered by the citizens here and they have put their shoulders to the helm and intend to make a successful fight. At the proper time meetings will be held throughout the county and people will be made thoroughly acquainted with what Safford is doing. The taxpayers of Graham county need not be afraid of a big debt being hoisted upon them in connection with the county seat removal; for we have raised sufficient funds already to build a fine court house and if it is necessary we can raise several thousand dollars more.

Some people say that this talk about removing the court house is all wind and that the subscriptions amount to nothing. We defy any one in the county to name stronger, financially, or more sensible business men than, Lassator and Groesbeck, J. T. Owens and John Blake, each of whom has subscribed \$500 and have given their notes

for the amount; or N. P. Beebe who has given his note for \$400 or P. J. Jacobson & sons, C. Madsen Henry Dowdel, W. D. Jefferson, E. D. Tuttle, H. O. Chlarson Peter Anderson and others who have given from \$100 to \$200 each.

If any one doubts the strength of our subscriptions let him look over our list, and he will soon be convinced that Safford is really in earnest about this matter.

THE *Bulletin* says that the water in the Gila valley is all the same and that the water at Solomonville is as good as at Safford. Such an assertion can only possibly be made by a man who has no regard for the truth. The *Bulletin* man, though, is not a good judge, for he drinks so little water that it all tastes the same to him.

The sheriff ordered all the dead trees to be cut down in the court house yard the other day. When the job was finished only about three trees remained and they will be cut down next spring. It is a shame that a county with almost \$2,000,000 taxable property must have its county seat in a place where it cannot have a shade tree.

THE *Bulletin* was evidently short of news last week as it devoted most of its space to telling the people they would not move the county seat.

SAFFORD's three flour mills turn out more than 4,000,000 pounds of flour annually, besides grinding immense quantities of corn and barley.

The *Bulletin* devotes considerable space to the county seat proposition for a paper which is so certain that the voters will not move it.

THE population of Safford and its immediate vicinity is 1500. There are 2500 people represented at our post office.

Our people are ready to build the new court house and work will be commenced immediately after Nov. 3rd.